Rise in Train Ticket and Goods Vehicle Traffic

4785. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN : SHRI MISA R. GANESAN : SHRI J. S. RAJU :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) What is the percentage of increase in respect of train tickets and goods vehicular traffic;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the proportionate rise of prices of essential commodities; and

(c) if so, what is the relief measure sought for to ease the burden of the common man ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Introduction of New 3 Tier AC Sleeper Coaches

4786. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether new 3-tier AC Sleeper coaches are being introduced in the Indian Railways;

(b) if so, the salient features of these coaches; and

(c) the estimated immediate requirement and availability of these coaches and in what phase they are to be introduced ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) AC 3 Tier coach has 67 berths.

(c) It has been decided to replace the A.C. Chair Cars running on Rajdhani Expresses by A.C. 3 tier sleeper coaches and accordingly 65 A.C. 3 tier sleeper coaches have been included in 1994-95 Production Programme. Some more Self Generating A.C. 3 tier sleepers have also included in the product mix and these are proposed to be deployed on long distance Mail/Express trains.

Consersion of Rail Lines from Godhara to Lunawada

4787. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI ; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to convert the Narrow Guage line into Broad Gauge Line from Godhara to Lunawada and extend it to Modasa and Abu Road;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a)

No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Constraint of resources.

कपूरथला कोच फैक्टरी के लिए तकनीकी सहयोग

4788. **श्री अजीत जोगी :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या रेल विभाग को सात वर्ष बीत जाने के बाद भी अभी तक कपूरथला कोच फैक्टरी के लिये कोई तकनीकी सहयोगकर्त्ता नहीं मिल पाया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो प्रौद्योगिकी के चुनाव में विलम्ब के फलस्वरूप परियोजना की अनुमानित मूल लागत में कितनी वृद्धि हुई है ;

(ग) इस परियोजना पर रेलवे द्वारा अब तक कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई है;

(घ) इस परियोजना को प्रारम्भ करने सम्बन्धी मूल समय सीमा और संशोधित समय सीमाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) रेल विभाग प्रौद्योगिकी सहयोग सम्बन्धी इस समस्या का किस प्रकार से समाधान करने का विचार रखता है ?